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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY FROM CHIEF OF MISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AODE, AFSP, APER

SUBJECT: MODE STAFFING REDUCTIONS

REF: STATE 185017

1. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE MY BELIEF THAT EMBASSY'S TWO RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS IN STAFFING OF OTHER AGENCIES, I.E. ONE MILITARY OFFICER POSITION IN IAGS AND ANOTHER IN ODC, WILL CUT EXCESS POSITIONS BUT STILL PERMIT THIS MISSION TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WELL AND I WOULD REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH DOD AND OTHER Affected AGENCIES.

2. I BELIEVE THAT MILITARY OFFICER CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO FILL VACANT POSITION IN IAGS, LT. COL. WOODBURY, SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COME HERE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HIS TDY WORK IN BRAZIL, DUE TO BEGIN WITH SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL, WOULD LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY OF HIS TRANSFER TO RIO IF CONCIDIIONS IN IAGS ASUNCION OR RELATIONS WITH THE GOP WARRANT SHIFT. EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR IN IAGS PROPOSAL TO PHASE OUT THIS POSITION ONLY AT CLOSE OF FY 1981.

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3. I WILL AWAIT DOD COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE ODC POSITION BUT TO REITERATE, MY STRONG INCLINATION IS TO RESIST EFFORT TO DELAY OR FORESTALL POSITION ELIMINATION AS EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED.

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